

RULE

Department of Health Board of Medical Examiners

Podiatry Licensure and Certification (LAC 46:XLV.1307)

In accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., and pursuant to the authority vested in the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (board) by the Medical Practice Act, R.S. 37:1270, and the Louisiana Podiatric Practice Act, R.S. 37:611-628, the board has amended its rules on licensure and certification of podiatrists. The changes, which appear in §1307.D, remove the requirement for board certification/qualification for surgical treatment of the ankle for a podiatrist who has completed three years of a specified residency training program. The changes also reflect a name change in the certifying surgical board within podiatry from the American Board of Podiatric Surgery to the American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery. The amendments are set forth below.

Title 46

PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL STANDARDS

Part XLV. Medical Professions

Subpart 2. Licensure and Certification

Chapter 13. Podiatrists

Subchapter B. Requirements and Qualifications for Licensure, Scope of Practice

§1307. Qualifications for Certification for Advanced Practice; Scope of Practice

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D. Qualifications for Certification in Surgical Treatment of the Ankle. To be eligible for certification in the surgical treatment of the ankle, whether for initial licensure or annual renewal, an applicant who possesses and meets the qualifications and requirements of §1305.A.1-5 of this Chapter shall:

1. have completed a surgical residency approved by the Council on Podiatric Medical Education of the American Podiatric Medical Association, consisting of:

a. a three-year podiatric surgery residency (PSR 36) program or greater; or

b. a three-year podiatric medicine and surgery residency (PM and S 36) program or greater; or

c. a two-year podiatric surgery residency (PSR 24) program and:

i. be board-certified in reconstructive rear foot and ankle surgery (RRA) by the American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery (ABFAS), formerly the American Board of Podiatric Surgery (APBS); or

ii. be board-certified in foot surgery and board qualified in reconstructive rear foot/ankle surgery (RRA) by the ABFAS.

E. - G. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1270 and 37:611-37:628.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Medical Examiners, LR 35:241 (February 2009), amended by the Department of Health, Board of Medical Examiners, LR 42:1519 (September 2016).

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